

# Water Quality Partnership

December 6, 2018

9:30 – 11:30



Welcome and Introductions	Heather Bartlett	9:30 – 9:40 am
Policy 1-11 Updates and information	Susan Braley	9:40 – 10:10 am
Budget and Legislative Updates	Eli Levitt	10:10 – 10:25 am
Orca Task Force Updates - contaminants	Derek Day Heather Bartlett	10:25 – 10:55 am
Water Quality Partnership Interests - discussion	Heather Bartlett	10:55 – 11:20 am
Updates: Partnership Listserv	Stacy Galleher	11:20 – 11:25 am
Closing wrap up	Heather Bartlett	11:25 – 11:30 am

# Washington's WQ Assessment & Listing Policy

## **August 2016:**

EPA approved the latest Assessment

## **April 2016 – April 2018:**

Ecology embarked on next Assessment process:

- Conducted extensive public process to update listing methodology (Policy 1-11)
- Public “call for data” up through 2017

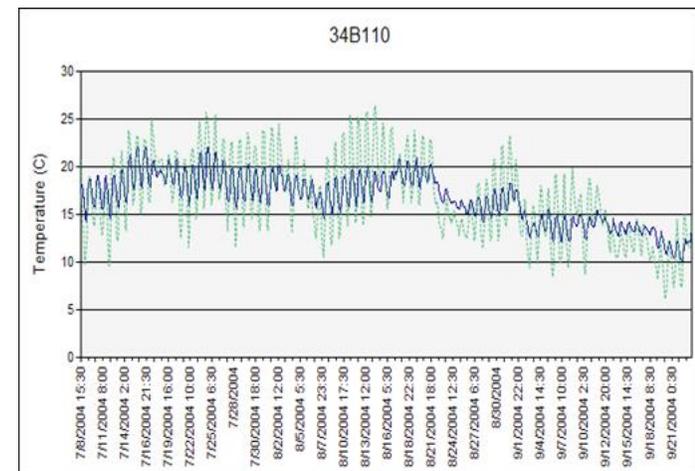


# Policy 1-11 Updates

## Key issues Raised

**A series of “public dialogue” meetings were held between November 2016 and March 2017 to discuss 5 key topics:**

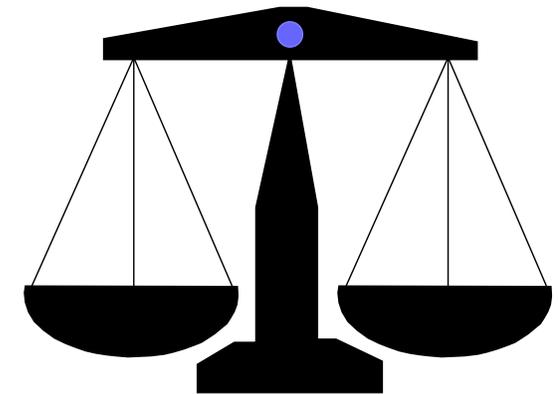
- How data is used: QA/QC, transparency
- Bioassessment data
- Toxic chemical data for human health
- Prioritization of TMDLs
- Revised sediment management standards



# Policy 1-11 Updates Public Review

## **Public review of draft revisions to Policy 1-11 held Feb – March 2018:**

- Received over 400 comments from 24 entities.
- Numerous edits and additional information added to improve and clarify the document's usability.
- Added new definitions and a flow chart of the Assessment process to improve transparency.
- Changes to specific parameter sections made to clarify assessment protocols.



# Revisions to Policy 1-11 finalized November 2018

**The revised final policy increases transparency, emphasizes the use of credible data, and results in a higher confidence in listing decisions.**

- Policy 1-11 reorganized to make information easier to find.
- New section added on credible data requirements.
- Reorganized data and information submittals to be more transparent.
- Improved accuracy of listing decisions (minimize over-listing & under-listing).
- Added more specificity to bioassessment listing protocols.
- Changes to how waterbodies are assessed for toxics affects on human health, using fish tissue & drinking water exposure concentrations.

# Next Steps for WQ Assessment

## Technical assessment of data begins.

- Two “public call-for-data” events enables Ecology to use water quality data collected through 2017.
- Automation process developed at Ecology will make data assessment more efficient for staff.
- Public review of Assessment results anticipated Fall 2019.



# Washington State Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force

Derek Day

ECY, WQ

Contaminants WG Lead



# Governor's Executive Order



# Task Force

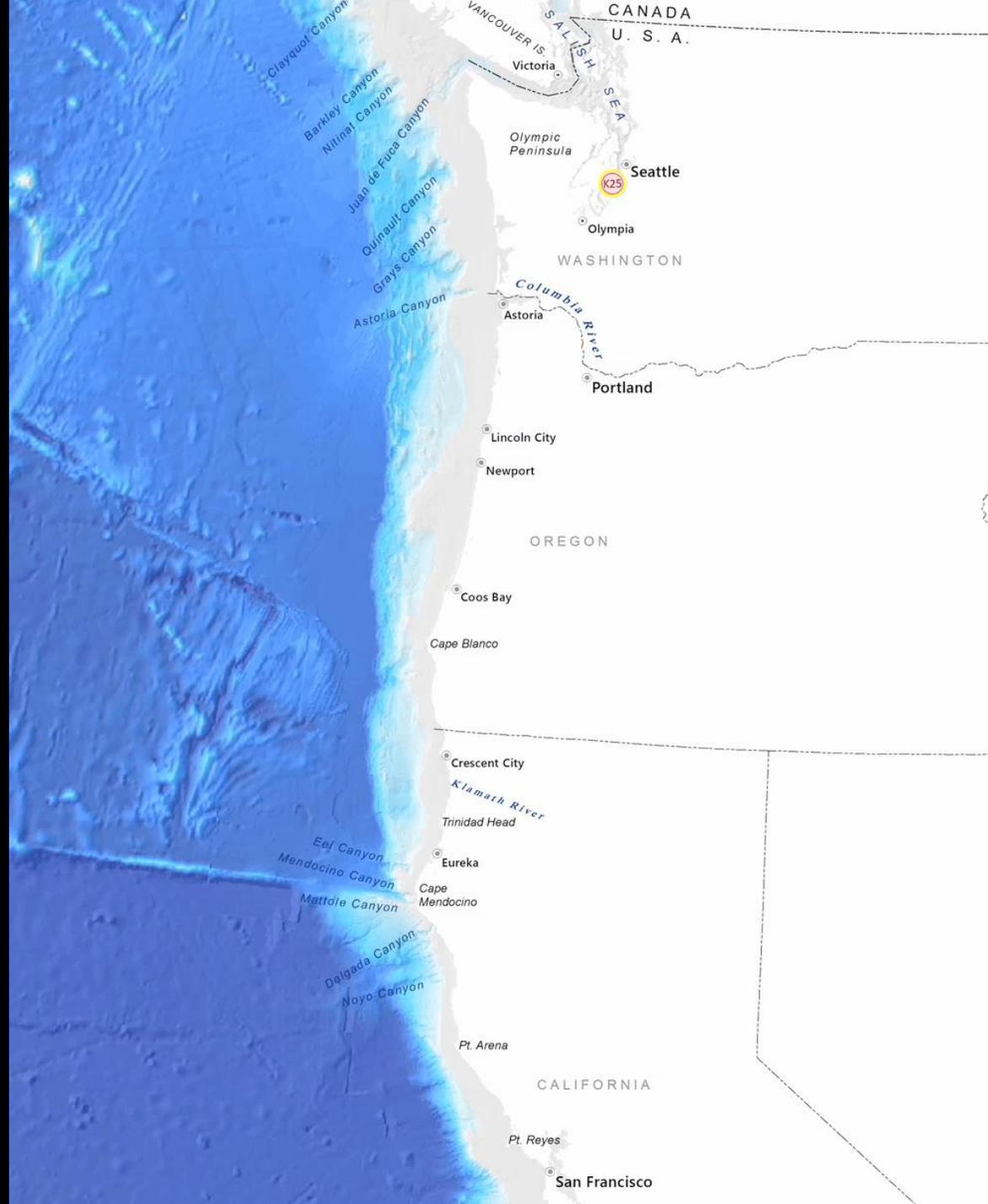
Diverse Task Force membership

Three Working Groups

- Vessels
- Contaminants
- Prey







# Prey Recommendations



# Vessels Recommendations



# Contaminants Recommendations



# What's Next



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<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/energy-environment/southern-resident-killer-whale-recovery-and-task-force>